Addendum To 1994 Drought Emergency Request Applications

The hydrological characteristics of the aquifer systems in the Yakima River Basin are currently under investigation or are being monitored for possible water level declines. In order to protect existing rights, the Department of Ecology may determine that no further water is available for new appropriations in several aquifers. It is, therefore, the opinion of the Department that the amount of ground water storage in this area may not be adequate to sustain full irrigation of the presently developed lands on a continuing basis.

In 1993, the Department issued a number of ground water permits in the Yakima Basin for supplemental irrigation. The Yakama Indian Nation has appealed the decisions claiming the ground water being withdrawn will ultimately decrease the flows of the Yakima River and further harm the already depressed anadromous fish stocks in that river. None of the hearings thus far have dealt with the merits of the case. The results of this litigation will not be known for some time.

Under these circumstances, it is in the state's interest that the Department of Ecology act with caution when implementing drought relief activities in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B, WAC 173-166, and the 1994 Order of Drought Declaration for the Yakima River Basin. The Department will, therefore, be reluctant to authorize construction of drought emergency wells that may not later be granted regular permits after the 1994 drought season has terminated or that may even be required to be decommissioned as a result of on-going litigation. In order to minimize large monetary investments that yield very little return, all applicants will be required to investigate the use of existing wells or obtain authorization to use existing water rights as an alternative to drilling a new well. Applicants will be required to provide a summary of the alternate sources of emergency water available to them before a drought emergency application will be considered complete and ready for action by the Department. Only where the use of existing wells is not an option, emergency drought authorizations to construct new wells may be granted under the condition that there is absolutely no guarantee or implication that a regular permit will be issued for further use of the well after the 1994 declared drought emergency.

The Department will, therefore, deny any drought emergency requests where data indicate the ground water aquifer is already in a stressed condition. Further, any water granted will only be for the quantity necessary to keep the crop alive and not to fully supplement the supply required to obtain maximum crop yield and quality. It is also possible that the pump may be required to be removed and the well capped at the owners expense following the termination of the 1994 declared drought. All water use under an emergency permit will be metered and the use reported to the department. No authorizations for primary irrigation or heat control will be granted under drought emergency authorizations.

I have read the conditions listed above under which 1994 emergency drought requests will be evaluated and any authorizations granted. I fully understand these conditions and am willing to accept them as part of my request for a drought emergency authorization for the 1994 irrigation season. Under the conditions described above, I am requesting an Emergency Drought Permit be issued for the application submitted with this Addendum and I will assume all risks associated with development if an authorization is granted to me.

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Signature Date

Application No. if this request applies to an existing application:



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